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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated April 1, 2005, concerning the above-captioned patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 8 of this document.

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Changes to the Drawings are reflected on page 14 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: